

22. (Amended) The protein according to claim 4 wherein said GDF-1 protein has a molecular weight of 41K or 38K as shown in Figure 4.

23. The protein according to claim 9 wherein said GDF-1 protein has a molecular weight of 41K or 38K as shown in Figure 4.

Please add the following new claims.

--24. A process comprising purification of GDF-1 protein substantially free of protein with which it is non-covalently associated.

25. The process according to claim 24 wherein said GDF-1 protein is unglycosylated.

26. The process according to claim 24 wherein said GDF-1 protein has a GDF-1 amino acid sequence as shown in Figure 2.

27. The process according to claim 24 wherein said GDF-1 protein has a GDF-1 amino acid sequence as shown in Figure 11A or 11B.